1. THE CONCEPT

The concept for a community service program was brought to the Class of 1959 by Michael Stern '59. Michael had heard that the Princeton Class of 1955 had started a public interest program at their 35th Reunion, called “Princeton Project 55 (PP55)”. Mike suggested to Class President John Ferries '59 that we could do the same at our 35th Reunion in June of 1995 (an off-year reunion). In June of 1993, John appointed a Steering Committee (later called the Alumni Board) to explore the idea as a class project, tentatively called “Dartmouth Project 59,” and I volunteered to act as President (later Chair of the Alumni Board). The other members were: Jim Burner, Tina Colehower, Chris Cundey, John Ferries (V. Chair & Secretary), Howard Greene, Gil Griffin, Bill G. Long, Stu Mackler, Arlene Matusow, Scott Palmer, Marty Sherwin, Michael Stern, Sam Swansen, Larry Toal, Bob Werbel, Lee Wilson, Doug Wise (V. Chair), Joanne Wise (V. Chair), Jim Wooster (V. Chair) and Alan Ziegler. The project was approved by the Class Executive Committee on October 30, 1993.

Our program was set up somewhat differently from Princeton Project 55 because we recognized that we were unlikely to be able to fund an independent nonprofit organization as PP55 had and Dartmouth already had a number of internships programs in operation for some time. When we first approached representatives of the College, they suggested that our program could best be integrated with existing programs by setting it up within the College framework. That approach allowed us to avoid the time and expense of forming our own nonprofit corporation, to minimize operating costs and to benefit from the College’s tax exemption and insurance. The responsibilities of the participants were to be: (1) Alumni Board: recruit Alumni mentors, recruit nonprofit agencies for internships, help interview students, coordinate with the College and raise funds; (2) Alumni: identify nonprofit agencies, serve as mentors, and donate funds; (3) Students: serve as interns; (4) Nonprofit agencies: provide internships; (5) College: inform, advise and evaluate students. We had numerous discussions over the next year and a half with various representatives of the College, including Career Services (Bill Wright-Swadel, Director), the Tucker Foundation (James Breeden, Director and Jan Tarjan, Associate Director) and the Alumni Fund (Bob Barr). Career Services described the program as a “win-win”; Tucker drafted a list of pros and cons. We explored several alternative ways to fit our concept in with existing programs of the College. Eventually, the College asked the Tucker Foundation to work with us. Cary Clark, Counsel to the College, was particularly helpful and supportive in obtaining College approval for the program.
The difference between our program and existing Dartmouth student internships was the alumni involvement: identifying nonprofit agencies and raising funds, but most important, serving as mentors. Alumni already serving with nonprofit agencies could provide examples of community service to students for the rest of their lives. Conversely, alumni could bring the energy and enthusiasm of students to their nonprofit agencies. The program was intended to give alumni an opportunity to interact with today’s Dartmouth students, making our involvement with the College more than just reliving old memories. It was a chance to “give back” and “get involved.”

The goals of the program were: “(1) to encourage Dartmouth students to get involved in (and have an impact on) constructive local not-for-profit non-partisan public interest projects; (2) to encourage members of the Class of 1959 and their spouses to participate in a public interest project in their community (or enhance current participation) by helping identify the local project and serving as mentors to Dartmouth students who agree to work in this project; and (3) to have the Class of 1959 serve as a catalyst for helping address local inner city, suburban or rural problems - whether in health, schools, environment, poverty, etc.” 35th Reunion Chair Doug Wise ‘59 suggested that our Reunion theme be “Getting Involved”. The shorter version of our goal was:

“to inspire Dartmouth students to join with Dartmouth alumni and their families in addressing problems facing our society”

2. THE LAUNCH

The project was launched on June 14, 1995 with a presentation by Karl Holtzschue ’59 to the Class of 1959 at its 35th Reunion. We initially named it “Dartmouth ‘59 Alumni + Students Community Service Internships (D59CSI)” and handed out “D59+CSI” tee shirts. Earlier, a student who had already done an internship, Peter B. Evans ’96, described his experience interning in New York City at A Better Chance, with mentor Howard Greene ’59. At the June 14 meeting so did Julian O’Connor ’96 and Garcia Passley ’97, who interned in New York City at the Graduate Achievement Program (GAP), and Michael Stern ’59, who mentored them at GAP. We placed a full-page ad in the Commencement and Reunion issue of The Dartmouth on June 11 offering the Class of 1995 the opportunity to join our community service intern program. Sonia Novoa ’95, who worked our Reunion tent, asked to join on the spot, was chosen and served at The Bridge, Inc, a mental health agency in New York City on whose board I served. Our Reunion dinner speaker, C. Everett Koop, M.D., Dartmouth ’37, former Surgeon General of the U.S., spoke in support of our program.

To jump-start the program, we adopted three interns who were already working for nonprofits with Class of 1959 mentors: Peter Evans ’96 (A better Chance in NYC; mentor: Howard Greene); Julian O’Connor ’96 and Garcia Passley ’97 (both at Graduate Achievement Program in NYC; Mentor Michael Stern ’59).
3. THE FIRST YEAR OF OPERATIONS

Our first Annual Report, for 1995-1996, reported that we had decided to focus our efforts on community service (rather than Princeton Project 55's goal of promoting “systematic change”) and not to limit ourselves geographically. Advertising man Dave Allen '59 suggested replacing our D59CSI name with something simpler and more descriptive. So we came up with “Dartmouth Partners in Community Service (DPCS).” That better stated our focus, and “partners” reflected the relationships of students and alumni, as well as the College and community service organizations (CSOs). We negotiated an Outline for Coordination between the DPCS Alumni Board and Dartmouth College, stating that DPCS would be “a Dartmouth College program under administrative direction of the Tucker Foundation, in close cooperation with the DPCS Alumni Board,” operating out of offices of the Tucker Foundation. Tucker focused at that time on sophomores and juniors; we would focus on freshmen, seniors and recent graduates. The DPCS Alumni Board would be responsible for fund-raising “so as to augment, rather than compete with, annual alumni giving and capital campaigns”. We assured Alumni Relations that raising money for DPCS would not have a negative impact on fund-raising for the Class. In fact, as the program grew, our Class fund-raising grew and more classmates became involved. DPCS internships were to be officially listed as leave-term and post-graduate internships with Career Services.

Our first student stipends were $1,700 for each ten-week internship. The first formal interview sessions were held in April of 1996, for summer internships. The interview team consisted of College representatives and Jim Wooster '59 and Joanne Wise '59. Nineteen applicants were approved and 13 interns were matched with CSOs for the summer of 1996, five in NYC, three in Boston and one each in Rochester, NY, Philadelphia, New Canaan, CT, Loon Mountain, NH and Anchorage, Alaska. The CSOs included a hospital, a mental health agency, a computer training organization and agencies engaged in prisoner counseling, working with disabled children forestry, youth counseling and a music festival.

Serving as alumni mentors were 1959 classmates Sam Adams, Tom Bransford, Bill Colehower, John Ferries, Howard Greene, Karl Holtzschue, Alan Robbins, Michael Stern, Sam Swanson, Larry Toal, Aron Wolf and Alan Ziegler. The total cost of the 13 internship stipends was $17,700, with $11,000 funded by the CSOs, $5,350 by DPCS and $1,350 by the Tucker Foundation. We asked the students how much of the $1700 they needed, and then we asked the CSOs to pay as much of that as they could. For the first fiscal year we raised $15,000 and spent about $11,000 ($5,650 for start-up administrative expenses).
At the same time, our Class fund-raising total was up and Class participation increased to 62%. Thirty-eight new donors did so in part because of enthusiasm for activities of the Class, particularly DPCS. We then had 35 CSOs and 28 alumni mentors. Interns wrote reflection papers on their internships, describing what they experienced and often having their lives changed as a result (many are posted on the DPCS website). Interns Sonia Novoa ’96, Peter Evans ’96 and Julian O’Connor ‘96 spoke to student groups. Sonia Novoa worked as a student intern at Tucker following her internship, a practice that has continued ever since. Peter Evans ’96 was asked to Chair our Student Advisory Board. Marlene Josefsberg ’59S and Bill Sweet ’59 joined the Alumni Board, with Bill chairing our fund-raising efforts.

Peter Evans ’96 said of his internship at A Better Chance: “After working in both the corporate and non-profit world, I have found my internships in the non-profit sector to be infinitely more rewarding.” Peter and interns Ed Wong ’97, Leslie Hubbard ‘97, Mark Kutolowski ’99 and Ann Sharfstein ’99 met with the Class of 1959 at its mini-reunion on October 19, 1996 (see photo). Hearing from the students about their internship experiences has been a highlight of the program and has been a crucial part of telling the DPCS story and energizing our alumni.

4. THE NEXT THREE YEARS

The 1996-1997 Annual Report noted that Dartmouth College awarded a 1997 Special Recognition Award, entitled “In Pursuit of Excellence,” recognizing achievements of the Class of 1959:

“Because of its concern for others, its involvement in community affairs, and its loyalty to the College, Dartmouth is proud to acknowledge all that the Class of 1959 does by awarding it a Special Recognition Award as one way of thanking it once more for bringing honor to the College and for the impact it has made on others outside the Dartmouth Family.”

In 1996-1997 DPCS placed 18 interns (including 13 in the summer of 1996), created new forms, including "What is Mentoring." We raised $18,959 from 24 donors, 6 of whom were not Alumni Board Members. Expenses were $12,600 ( $7,400 for stipends and $5,200 for administration), leaving a surplus of $6,400. CSOs paid $6,100. Supported by new Tucker Dean Scott Brown, we agreed to open up the program to other Classes and Clubs and to open up DPCS fully to students for all four terms and all four classes, with a long-term goal of 100 student interns per year. Other Classes will be asked to contribute at least $5,000 and identify at least five CSOs and alumni mentors. Dean Scott Brown proposed that DPCS guarantee funding for half of the $30,000 salary for a new person at Tucker to work half-time for DPCS. Taking a deep breath, the Alumni Board agreed and approved a budget of $40,000 for 1997-1998. We agreed to coordinate with PP55. Tom Bransford ’59 joined the Alumni Board.
The 1997-1998 Annual Report noted receipt of a September 2, 1998 letter from Dartmouth President Jim Wright thanking the Class of 1959 for its wonderful support of DPCS: “The class’s commitment gives these students an invaluable experience while instilling a sense of responsibility to others that benefits all of society. You have my thanks for this important contribution to the broader life of the College.” We placed 9 interns and raised $25,293 from 43 donors, 23 of whom were not Alumni Board members (the Class of 1959 gave $5,000); expenses were $27,742. Stipends were increased to $2,000, plus $500 for financial aid students. A $50,000 endowment was created as part of a larger gift from a client of Howard Greene. Princeton Project 55 arranged for Dartmouth graduates to be PP55 Fellows in New York for the next year. They were to be paid $19,800 plus health benefits by the CSOs. Our website was updated. In April of 1998, Mary Comeau became Director of Fellowships at the Tucker Foundation, with responsibility for DPCS as well as Tucker Fellowships. An outline of Responsibilities of Participants for the Tucker Foundation, DCPS alumni representatives in Hanover, the Alumni Board, the Program Council, students, alumni mentors and CSOs was agreed upon. In June 1998 Janice Cundey was elected to the Alumni Board.

The 1998-1999 Annual Report noted that with the arrival of Mary Comeau, the new Director of Fellowships at the Tucker Foundation, DPCS placed 24 interns. Alumni mentors included nine from four classes other than 1959. CSOs expanded to over 50. DPCS was featured in a note in the May 1999 Alumni Magazine and is regularly reported on in the ‘59 Line, the Class of 1959 newsletter and Tucker Points, the newsletter of the Tucker Foundation. Cooperating with PP55, DPCS referred four Dartmouth seniors for one-year PP55 graduate fellowships in 1998-1999 and three more in 1999-2000, all with Dartmouth mentors. We placed two graduates directly as well. We declined, however, to take over interviewing and placement of graduates from PP55 in the future. Alan Munro was elected to the Alumni Board. In May of 1999 Chris Cundey was elected as Chair of the Board. We raised $44,008, which with the $7,407 reserve and endowment income of $2,050 covered expenses of $48,641.

At the Class of 1959’s 40th Reunion in June of 1999, there was a symposium entitled “Giving Back - Helping a DPCS Student Serve the Community.” Mentors Dr. Alan Robbins ’59, President of New England Baptist Hospital and Marlene Josefsberg ’59S, founder of Miami’s D-FY-IT (Drug Free Yourth in Town) spoke about the impact of Dartmouth interns on their organizations. Alan has mentored a record 10 DPCS interns.
5. NATIONAL DAILY POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD

DPCS was selected as a national Daily Points of Light Award winner for January 19, 2000 “in recognition of your commitment to connecting Americans through service with others and the outstanding example of citizenship that you have demonstrated.” The Points of Light Foundation co-sponsors the President’s Service Awards with the Corporation for National Service. The Awards were created to honor outstanding groups engaged in voluntary service to help solve serious social problems. DPCS also received congratulatory letters from President William Clinton and former President George H. W. Bush.

6. THE NEXT SIX YEARS

During the 1999-2000 year, Dave Allen, Alan Robbins, Tina Long ‘59S, and Matt Greene ‘90, son of Howard Greene’59, were elected to the Alumni Board. Matt was the first member not from the Class of 1959, and his Class of 1990 adopted DPCS as its principal ongoing class project, supporting it financially with new CSOs and mentors. Ann Sharfstein ‘99 was also elected to the Board, the first member who had been an intern (and a mentor and CSO employee). At a “Brush up on your Shakespeare” seminar in New York City, Karl Holtzschue recruited Peggy Epstein Tanner ‘79 to be a mentor and Howard Sharfstein ‘67, father of Ann, to ask his class to adopt DPCS as a class project. We agreed to join The Alumni Network, a new project of PP55, to help other academic institutions initiate community served programs, and Karl Holtzschue agreed to act as our liaison.

The family of alumni Board member Bill G. Long '59 asked that contributions be made to DPCS in his memory, and initially over 100 gifts totaling $12,530 were received and added to the endowment in his name. We decided to use work-study funding help fund our interns and make DPCS competitive with other programs on campus. In response to an emergency appeal to overcome an expected shortfall and to avoid limiting the number of internships, six new gifts totaling $10,000 were received. Dr. Stuart Lord became Dean of the Tucker Foundation. DPCS placed 24 interns. Total income was $53,106; expenses were $52,392.

In 2000-2001 Jim Wooster led a panel discussion at Class Officers Weekend in which he described DPCS. Bill Mitchell '79 was elected to the Alumni Board to represent his Class of 1979. DPCS’s contribution to the salary of Tucker’s Mary Comeau was to be phased out over three years. $10,000 was received to open the Epstein-Tanner Endowment Fund. Michael Stern announced that he had made an initial deposit to the endowment of $50,000, with a pledge to add an additional $200,000 over several years. Long range planning and drafting of a “Visioning Document” was undertaken. Mike Nolen ‘59 was elected to the Board, to serve as Treasurer.
Rebecca Bliss was the interim replacement for Mary Comeau, who was on maternity leave. Rebecca also took maternity leave, but was appointed full time Director of Internships and Fellowships as of July 1, 2002. In FYE June 2001 total income was $53,730 and expenses were $52,059; 34 internships were funded (20 work study students cost DPCS $883 each; 22 regular students cost $1300 each). Total endowment reached $200,000.

In the 2001-2002 year, the Class of 1967 joined as a sponsoring class, with Michael Tucker ‘67 elected to the Board. Endowment gifts were received in memory of Alumni Board member Lee Wilson ‘59. A meeting was held with the Tuck School to explore nonprofit internships at the business school. The Classes of 1979 and 1990 reported over 80% of dues payers included a gift for DPCS. In the summer of 2001 DPCS placed a record 24 interns from New Hampshire to Boston to New York to Florida to California to Alaska. The Class of 1959 started to offer the option of a dues check-off specifically for DPCS The first year 50 classmates did so, of whom only 7 were Alumni Board members, for a total of $4,000. Dave Allen agreed to be Chair of the Development Committee. For the year, we placed 39 interns (17 work study and 22 regular), bringing the running total to 180. We had over 100 CSOs and over 80 mentors from 40 different Dartmouth classes. The Classes of 1967, 1979, 1987 and 1990 had all adopted DPCS as their class project. The catalyst of the Class of 1987 was Ricki Stern ‘87, daughter of Michael Stern ‘59, and she was elected to the Board. The Class of 1979 had an 80% yield of dues payers contributing to DPCS. Income from gifts of $49,550 plus endowment income of $6,186 totaled $55,736; expenses were $48,937 (60% of the gift amount was from individuals and 40% from four classes). The accumulated reserve balance was $14,153. Endowment reached $247,271.

In May of 2002 the Tucker Foundation celebrated its 50th anniversary. DPCS was invited to participate and we sponsored three events: (1) a reception for past interns and mentors; (2) a workshop for potential interns, mentors and interested alumni classes, featuring Founding Chair and mentor Karl Holtzschue ‘59, intern Jennifer Ross ‘03, mentor Matt Wilson ‘83 and intern/mentor/Alumni Board member Ann Sharfstein ‘99; and (3) an inspiring talk by Michael Stern ‘59, as guest speaker of a lunch sponsored by the Tuck School.

2002-2003. In October of 2002, Jan Tarjan became responsible for Fellowships and Internships following the resignation of Rebecca Bliss. As of January 2003, 62 ‘59 classmates contributed $4,090 through dues checkoff, to help meet the year’s budget of $55,000. The Alumni Network had 17 affiliated college programs, of which DPCS was the second largest. In April, Lynne White Cloud became the new Director of Fellowships and internships. A Tucker consultant did a study of its Fellowships and Internships. Due to College budget problems, the College cut Tucker’s budget and cut our allocation for work study funds.
The DPCS budget for the next year was reduced to $48,800, but several Board members urged that we support all qualified students and raise additional funds as needed. Because students have begun to bring in their own CSOs, it was suggested that our mentor program be formalized. Governance issues were being studied. We had 39 interns. In FYE June 2003, as a result of a matching gift program in the fourth quarter, total income was $68,103 (including $6,377 from endowment) and expenses were $60,925, leaving a reserve account of $21,331. Endowment reached $285,814.

2003-2004. Ricki Stern reported that her Class of 1987 held a fundraiser in New York City on September 18, 2003, raising over $2,000. On September 19 there was a meeting in New York City of the five participating classes. Dean Lord explained that DCPS will receive a line item allocation of $500,000 for its endowment fund as part of the College’s capital campaign. In October of 2003, Bob Baum ’77 was welcomed to the Board as the representative of the Class of 1977. The Class of 1958 also joined as a sponsor. Dr. Bill Boyle, Jessica Benjamin ’87 and Drew Kintzinger ’77 were elected to the Board. DPCS By-Laws were adopted, to establish the Alumni Board independently of the Class of 1959 and provide for the future of DCPS. Officers would have three-year terms, beginning July 1, 2004. Membership on the Board was reduced in size to active members, and some Board members from the Class of 1959 became members of an Honorary DPCS Board. On April 29, 2004 the following were elected for 3 year terms:

Chair: Dave Allen ’59, Vice Chair: Janice Cundey ’59S; Secretary Matt Greene ’90; Treasurer: Mike Nolen; Mentoring Officer: Ricki Stern ’87; and Development Officer: Al Munro ‘59. DPCS had 28 interns. In FYE June 2004, income was $72,724 ($7,530 from endowment) and expenses were $52,352, leaving a surplus for the year of $20,372. Endowment reached $377,188.

2004-2005. A lot of effort was put into the coordination and monitoring of mentoring. Plans were made for a 10th Anniversary Celebration. Some CSOs are willing to pay something to the interns, and the Board was considering whether CSO funding should be pursued more strongly. An eight minute video was produced for the 10th Anniversary Celebration under the direction of Doug and Joanne Wise. We had 25 interns, and future stipends were increased from $2000 to $3000, to be more competitive with other programs. In FYE June 2005, income was $118,887 (including $16,201 from endowment) and expenses were $74,960. Endowment reached $440,981.
7. DPCS 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

In April of 2005 DPCS had three 10th Anniversary Celebrations in (1) Hanover (hosted by Joanne Wise and Jim Wooster), (2) Boston (hosted by Alan Robbins) and (3) New York City (hosted by Karl Holtzschue at Howard Sharfstein’s offices). Speakers included Alumni Board members, students, mentors and representatives of the Tucker Foundation. To recognize key individuals in the initiation of DPCS, three Founders Awards, all signed by President Jim Wright, were presented to John Ferries, Michael Stern, and Karl Holtzschue. A Mentors Achievement Award was presented to Alan Robbins in Boston for his record eighteen mentor experiences. A Leadership Appreciation Award was presented to Chris Cundey, immediate past DPCS Alumni Board Chair. Tucker Foundation staff members Lynn White Cloud and Becky Windt and Dean Stuart Lord participated in all three celebrations. Provost Barry Schurr and Dean of the College Jim Larimore, along with College Trustee Nancy Kepes Jeton and five members of the Tucker Foundation Board of Visitors (BOV) attended the Hanover event. Joe Mathewson, Chair of the BOV, presented a resolution of congratulations an support. A new $50,000 pledge to the DPCS Endowment from a member of the Class of 1959 was announced. A fact sheet on DPCS was handed out (attached). The DPCS video was shown at each meeting. Karl Holtzschue made a Shutterfly photo album of the New York Celebration.

The New York City 10th Anniversary handout (attached) noted that as of 01/17/05: DPCS had placed 220 students as interns. Thirty-eight Dartmouth classes had provided 88 mentors. $72,000 was raised in the 2003-2004 fiscal year. CSOs totaled 102 in 20 states (mostly in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey and California). There were seven co-sponsoring classes: 1958, 1959, 1967, 1977, 1979, 1987 and 1990. Endowment totaled $382,000.

One intern wrote: “If I have had a small fraction of the impact on the children that they have had on me, then I am quite satisfied with that I have accomplished.” Another wrote: “For the first time, I not only interacted with homeless, HIC-positive, and substance-abusing people, I was able to offer them my help.” One alumni mentor wrote: “Significant differences can be made in peoples’ lives with the simple act of mentoring.”
8. POST-SCRIPT

In November of 2006, the Class of 1959 was honored with the Class of the Year Award for classes 26 years out and older, signed by Jim Wright, President of the College, Nelson Armstrong, Director of Alumni Relations and Sam Ostrow, President of the Class Officers Association. First among the many cited activities of the class and its officers, it said:

“[t]he Class of 1959 gives full expression to the concept of the Dartmouth family. In everything they do, they focus on total participation, not just by their classmates, but by their families and friends, and by other Dartmouth classes and THEIR families and friends. Everyone’s encouraged to become part of the endeavor, whether it’s a mini-reunion, a class Executive Committee meeting, or a class project.

“For example, in 1995 the Class of ‘59 celebrated its 35th Reunion by launching a program to bring alumni, students, and the Tucker Foundation together in partnership for community service. Today the highly successful Dartmouth Partners in Community Service has placed 300 students in internships in community service organizations from Boston to Alaska, with Class of ‘59 members actively mentoring the students, serving on an alumni board, and helping to fund the program. In addition, they mentor six other alumni classes now participating in DPCS.”

As a Class Project for the Class of 1959, we have had more participation by more classmates than on any other prior undertaking of the Class, and over a much longer period of time. After all, we only had four years together in college. We have a great deal to be proud of and much to look forward to. We have created an on-going opportunity for Dartmouth students and alumni and a great legacy for the Class of 1959.

February 10, 2008
DARTMOUTH PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Mission: to inspire Dartmouth students to join with Dartmouth alumni and their families in addressing problems facing our society.

Founded: in 1995 by the Dartmouth Class of 1959 at its 35th Reunion, inspired by Princeton ’55

Partners: student interns; alumni mentors; community service organizations (CSOs); Dartmouth College; DPCS Alumni Board

Administration: by Dartmouth College through the Tucker Foundation (community services, chaplaincy, fellowships, campus issues), 6154 S. Fairbanks, Hanover, NH 03755
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Alumni Board: fund-raising, finding CSOs and alumni mentors, assisting in interviewing and evaluating students, preparation of brochure and mentor guide and setting up website
Funds raised: $15,000 in 1995-96 up to $72,000 in 2003-04.

Internships: 10 week terms in summer, fall, winter and spring (live at home)(no post-graduate)

Intern placements to date: 220

Alumni Mentors: 88 from 38 classes
(31 volunteered from Class of 1959; 22 placed with interns)

Community Service Organizations: 102 in 20 states (most in California, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and New York) (nonprofit and nonpartisan)


Endowment: $382,000 (income only applied to expenses)

Award: 2000 Points of Light Award from Corp. for National Service and Points of Light Fdn.

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QUOTES FROM DARTMOUTH PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE INTERNS

“One of the best parts of the DPCS program is the mentor connection...I found that the Restorative Justice program offers alternative justice solutions that are more effective and healthier than the punishments given by the legal system...My experience working at the Legal Rights Center did not convince me that I wanted to become an attorney; rather it make me surer of my choice to become a physician. What it did teach me was to see the potential in everyone that I meet and look for the lesson in every situation, because it is there.”

Jane Viner, Dartmouth '05
Legal Rights Center

“Nathan Adelson cares for the terminally ill and their families...It was an honor to work at a place that has the motto: ‘we can’t add days to your life, but we can add life to your days’...Patients at the hospice enjoyed telling what they have accomplished in life and in the past. If feel quite fortunate that I was able to lend an ear to my patients and to aid in the end of life...After working so closely with my patients I feel that I may need more than just surgery. I need to be more of a primary care physician where I will be able to have close, long-term relationships.”

Nathan Zwintscher, Dartmouth '03
Nathan Adelson Hospice

“Working at Waverly Children’s Home (for children with severe emotional and behavioral problems) was an incredible learning experience for me. When I walked into the Navigators’ classroom the first day, I really did not know what to expect of either the children or the classroom structure... By the end of my stay at Waverly I was adept at handling the children and helping them to work through their anxiety and frustration... Working at Waverly solidified my desire to dedicate my life to improving those of other people in this world. The internship has also given me the confidence that I possess many skills necessary to be a successful teacher...If I have had a small fraction of the impact on the children that they have had on me, then I am quite satisfied with what I have accomplished.”

Mary Cipollone, Dartmouth '02
Waverly Children's Home